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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL: THE MOVEMENT'S IMPACT ON
INDUSTRY

SUMMARY. FOR THE FIRST TIME A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ON
THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAS FOCUSED ON INDUSTRY.
EARLIER COMMENTARIES HAVE DISPLAYED ONLY ESSENTIALLY NEGA-
TIVE ATTITUDES. HOWEVER,PASSAGE IN THE APRIL 10 EDITORIAL
SUGGEST A LEFTIST PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS.
THEY SIGNAL AN INTENT TO MOVE FURTHER BACK TOWARD THE
AIMS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, BUT INDICATE
THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE BECAUSE A CORRECT ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION MUST BE DEVELOPED FIRST.
CLEARLY DISPLAYING CONCERN ABOUT THE LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL
OUTPUT, MODERATE PASSAGES IN THE EDITORIAL CALL FOR STEP-
PING UP PRODUCTION AND BLUNTLY STATE THAT IT IS "NECESSARY"
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TO MAKE REVOLUTION "AFTER WORKING HOURS". END SUMMARY.

1. PEOPLE'S DAILY ON APRIL CARRIED ITS FOURTH EDITORIAL ON THE "CRITICISM" MOVEMENT. ADDRESSING IT-SELF TO "LEADING COMRADES AT ALL LEVELS OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISES", IT CLAIMED THAT TOTAL INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT VALUE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER THIS YEAR SURPASSED LAST YEAR'S. THE EDITORIAL NEVERTHELESS CALLED FOR STEPPING UP INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE COAL, METALLURGICAL, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION SECTORS. FURTHER REFLECTING A CONCERN ABOUT THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION, IT BLUNTLY STATED THAT "IT IS NECESSARY TOMAKE REVOLUTION AFTER WORKING HOURS".

2. OTHER PASSAGES SUGGEST A MORE LEFTIST SLANT TO THE EDITORIAL. WHILE WANG HUNG-WEN EARLIER TALKED ABOUT TRANSFORMING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE ECONOMIC BASE, THE EDITORIAL GOES FURTHER. IT SAYS THAT THE MOVEMENT, BY DEEPENING THE REVOLUTION IN THE SUPERSTRUCTURE, WILL "INEVITABLY EXERT A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON THE ECONOMIC BASE OF OUR COUNTRY AND GREATLY PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTIVE FORCES".

3. THE EDITORIAL ALSO CALLS FOR CONTINUED CRITICISM OF THE REVISIONIST LINE IN RUNNING ENTERPRISES, AND FAVORS SELF-RELIANCE AND BREAKING WITH THE IDEA OF WORSHIPPING THINGS FOREIGN. THAT THE THRUST AGAINST "THINGS FOREIGN" MAY BE MORE THAN JUST RITUAL IS SUGGESTED BY THE FACT THAT THE COAL, METALLURGICAL, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION SECTORS WHICH THE EDITORIAL HIGHLIGHTS ARE MAJOR IMPORTERS OF FOREIGN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF CONTRACTS SIGNED DURING 1973. THEY ARE ALSO THE SECTORS WITH SIGNIFICANT BOTTLENECKS.

4. OTHER PASSAGES SUGGEST THAT A LEFTIST PROGRAM HAS BEEN, OR IS BEING, WORKED OUT, BUT THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIGHT FOR CARRYING IT OUT. IN ITS PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH, THE EDITORIAL SAYS "LEADING COMRADES" SHOULD TAKE CORRECT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND STRIVE TO EXPAND ITS "TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS". BEYOND THIS CLL TO FOLLOW CULTURAL REVOLUTION GUIDELINES, THE EDITORIAL PROVIDES NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THE POLICIES THAT ITS AUTHORS WOULD IMPLEMENT. IT DOES SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE THAT KEY LINK IS GRASPED "QUESTIONS OF SPECIFIC POLICIES AND LINES FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS....CAN BETTER BE SOLVED".

5. DEVELOPING A FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CULTURAL
REVOLUTION IS OSTENSIBLY ONE OF THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF
THE MOVEMENT. THIS OBJECTIVE IS PROBABLY FAR FROM
BEING MET. PERHAPS RECOGNIZING THAT THE OPPOSITION
TO CULTURAL REVOLUTION ECONOMIC POLICIES REMAINS
STRONG, THE EDITORIAL REITERATES THE MODERATE PLEA
TO UNITE WITH UPWARDS OF 95 PERCENT OF THE CADRES AND
AVOID GETTING ENTANGLED IN "CERTAIN QUESTIONS" (I.E.,
MINOR MATTERS THAT WOULD BE DISTRACTING AND PERHAPS DIVISIVE)
AND THUS SHIFTING THE MAIN ORIENTATION OF THE STRUGGLE.
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